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SUBJECT: TAIWAN RESPONSE TO NON-PAPER: POSSIBLE EXPORT TO  
SYRIA BY EUMA-SPINNER

REF: 08 STATE 036646

Classified By: Stephen M. Young, AIT Director, for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

11. (S) On April 30, AIT received the Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT) of the Taiwan Ministry of Economic Affairs' response to reftel non-paper. An unofficial AIT translation of BOFT's response follows:

12. (S) BEGIN TRANSLATION

Subject: Please find BOFT's findings regarding a Syrian-based company, Sinan CNC Machine Tools, possibly purchasing machine tools from a Taiwan-based company, Euma-Spinner Corporation, through Golden Line, a UAE-based company.

Explanation:

11. This action was made according to an AIT Economic Section letter (number SS36646) dated April 8, 2008.

12. Based on the data provided by Taiwan Customs, Euma-Spinner Corporation (Euma-Spinner) did not export machine tools to these two companies - Golden Line and Sinan CNC Machine (Sinan) - from January to March 24, 2008. To prevent Euma-Spinner Corporation from exporting machine tools to the UAE and subsequently transshipping them to Syria for purposes of weapons proliferation, BOFT has enhanced control measures on Euma-Spinner by: (1) requesting the Directorate General of Customs (DGC) to list Euma-Spinner as a high-risk manufacturer of Customs Risk Management Systems; (2) notifying Euma-Spinner that, in the future, it needs to apply for Strategic High-Tech Commodities (SHTC) export permits prior to exporting commodities to its foreign trading partners who are engaged in trading business with Golden Line and Sinan; and (3) listing Euma-Spinner among the companies that to receive regular outreach visits conducted by BOFT.

END TRANSLATION

13. (S) In addition to the above letter, BOFT copied AIT instructions it sent to DGC on March 26, 2008 requesting that the DGC: (1) notify BOFT if DGC finds Euma-Spinner exporting any commodity to Sinan or Golden Line; and (2) obtain from Euma-Spinner the export declaration, product category and specifications, purchase orders or contracts with foreign buyers or importers, and a statement guaranteeing that items being exported are not SHTC items, for all exports to certain restricted countries. The letter also states that the DGC has the authority to release Euma-Spinner's shipments after inspecting the goods. Lastly, BOFT requests that the DGC forward the above-mentioned documents to BOFT for BOFT's use in outreach visits.

14. (S) On May 2, the EXBS Advisor met with BOFT officials to follow up on the contents of the April 30 letter. Specifically, the Advisor requested a follow-up report on

exports by Euma-Spinner to Sinan and Golden Line since March  
124. BOFT's reply will be sent via front channel cable.

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